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SUBJECT: UNGA: US SPECIAL ADVISER PEARL BAILEY EXERCISES

RIGHT OF REPLY ON PUERTO RICO

1. IN PLENARY SESSION ON THE AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 25, SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE USDEL PEARL BAILEY EXERCISED RIGHT OF REPLY AND READ PREPARED USG STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO CUBAN PERMREP'S (ALARCON) REMARKS ON PUERTO RICO WHILE SPEAKING ON DECOLONIZATION. ALARCON THEN RESPONDED, AFTER WHICH MS. BAILEY SPOKE AGAIN.

2. MS. BAILEY INITIALLY REQUESTED A POINT OF ORDER WHEN ALARCON RAISED THE ISSUE OF PUERTO RICO. THIS WAS NOT GRANTED BY UNGA VICE PRESIDENT FALL (SENEGAL) WHO PERMITTED ALARCON TO CONCLUDE HIS REMARKS. FALL THEN STATED THAT HE HAD NOT PERMITTED THE US DELEGATE TO INTERVENE WHEN FIRST REQUESTED TO AVOID POSSIBILITY OF A "CIRCUS" OVER POINTS OF ORDER SUCH AS OCCURRED DURING THE RECENT CYPRUS DEBATE.

3. TEXT OF EXCHANGE BETWEEN MS. BAILEY AND ALARCON FOLLOWS:

MR. ALARCON: AS REPRESENTATIVES WILL VERY SOON BE ABLE TO READ THE RECORD, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SEE QUITE CLEARLY THAT IF WE WERE TO ACCEPT THE ARGUMENTATION OF THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES WE WOULD BE ASKED TO DECLARE THE STATEMENT

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OF THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE OUT OF ORDER, SINCE MY

DELEGATION, AS WILL BE SEEN IN THE RECORD, REFERRED STRICTLY TO QUESTIONS WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION WHICH IS BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IT IS NOT OUR FAULT IF SOME REPRESENTATIVES, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF LACK OF EXPERIENCE OR BECAUSE OF LACK OF SUFFICIENT TIME TO PREPARE THEIR MATERIAL, HAVE NOT YET EVEN BEEN ABLE TO LOOK AT THEIR AGENDA.

THE PERSON WHO JUST NOW REFERRED TO A SERIES OF DETAILS WITH REGARD TO PUERTO RICO AND, MORE SPECIFICALLY, TO THE ETERNAL AND OFT-REPEATED ALLEGED ELECTIONS, WAS FROM THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THIS WAS DONE TO SAY THAT THIS ASSEMBLY SHOULD NOT DISCUSS SUCH MATTERS.

I SHALL NOT CONTINUE TAKING PART IN THIS DEBATE BY TRYING TO REFUTE ARGUMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES THAT HAVE HAD BUT ONE VIRTUE: THAT OF BEING REPEATED YEAR AFTER YEAR WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST INCLINATION OF GOING ALONG WITH THE CRITERION THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS EXPRESSED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CASE OF PUERTO RICO. PERHAPS THIS YEAR, INSTEAD OF AN ORAL REPETITION, WE SHOULD HAVE HAD IT SUNG BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THAT AT LEAST WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE CONVINCING THAN THE MANNER IN WHICH, UNFORTUNATELY, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES DELIVERED THE STATEMENT.

MS. BAILEY: MR. CHAIRMAN:

IT IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE TO MY DELEGATION THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE OF CUBA HAS TRIED TO DIVERT THIS MEETING FROM ITS BUSINESS BY DISCUSSING SOMETHING WHICH IS SO FAR AFIELD FROM ITS AGENDA.

PUERTO RICO IS NOT ON OUR AGENDA: NEVERTHELESS THE UNFORTUNATE REMARKS BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF CUBA ON A MATTER OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO MY GOVERNMENT, MAKE IT NECESSARY FOR ME TO REITERATE THE WELL-KNOWN VIEWS OF THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING PUERTO RICO.

THE 8TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACKNOWLEDGED PUERTO RICO'S SELF-GOVERNING STATUS IN 1953,  
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A DECISION WHICH WAS REAFFIRMED IN 1971 BY THE 26TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH REJECTED AN ATTEMPT TO INSCRIBE AN ITEM ON PUERTO RICO ON ITS AGENDA.

UNITED STATES POLICY WITH REGARD TO PUERTO RICO IS BASED ON OUR COMPLETE ACCEPTANCE OF PUERTO RICO'S RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO EXERCISED THAT RIGHT IN APPROVING COMMONWEALTH STATUS AND THEIR OWN CONSTITUTION

IN 1952. THEY REAFFIRMED THAT CHOICE IN A STATUS REFERENDUM  
IN 1967, PARTICIPATED IN BY 60 PERCENT OF THE ELECTORATE,  
IN WHICH 60 PERCENT VOTED FOR COMMONWEALTH STATUS, 39  
PERCENT VOTED FOR STATEHOOD AND LESS THAN 1 PERCENT VOTED FOR  
INDEPENDENCE. IN A SERIES OF PERIODIC GENERAL AND FREE ELECTIONS  
THEY HAVE MADE THEIR WILL KNOWN. NO MISREPRESENTATION TO THE  
CONTRARY CAN DISGUISE THE APPROVAL OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO  
RICO OF THEIR SELF-GOVERNING STATUS.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REGARDS ANY INTERNATIONAL  
REVIEW OF PUERTO RICO AS A FLAGRANT INTERFERENCE IN PUERTO  
RICAN AND UNITED STATES DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

MY DELEGATION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE  
OF CUBA BE RULED OUT OF ORDER.

THANK YOU MR PRESIDENT

MR: ALARCON: THE PROBLEMS OF COLONIALISM IN THE AREA OF THE  
CARIBBEAN DESERVE CLOSER ATTENTION FROM OUR ORGANIZATION.  
A SPECIAL REFERENCE MUST BE MADE TO THE CASE OF PUERTO RICO,  
A LATIN AMERICAN TERRITORY AT THE VERY CENTRE OF THE CARIBBEAN  
OPPRESSED BY COLONIALISM FOR SEVERAL CENTURIES. IN THE LAST  
FEW YEARS, THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION ...

IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE HAS ON  
SEVERAL OCCASIONS STATED ITS VIEWS ON THE CASE OF PUERTO RICO.  
IT HAS AFFIRMED THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF ITS PEOPLE TO SELF-  
DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE AND HAS DEMANDED THAT THE  
UNITED STATES, THE ADMINISTERING POWER, GIVE THE PUERTO RICAN  
PEOPLE THAT INALIENABLE RIGHT.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS ENDORSED THE DECISIONS OF THE  
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SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH PUERTO RICO. THIS YEAR  
THE COMMITTEE WAS UNABLE TO CONCLUDE ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE  
QUESTION OF PUERTO RICO. THE USE OF INCORRECT PROCEDURES  
MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE UNITED STATES TO BRING ABOUT POST-  
PONEMENT OF THE CONSIDERATION OF THIS QUESTION UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

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MS. BAILEY: THAT WAS MY FIRST STATEMENT AND IT WAS WRITTEN.  
IT WAS MEANT AND IT WAS HONEST. NOW I SHALL MAKE MY SECOND  
STATEMENT -- WITH NO PAPER, WITH NOTHING, FROM THE HEART  
AND FROM THE HEAD. I DO NOW KNOW IF MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED  
THIS WAY BEFORE, BUT I HAVE WAITED LONG TO STAND HERE AND  
I STAND HERE UNDER GOD'S TRUTH, IN ALL HONESTY SEEKING NOTHING  
BUT TRUTH, BROTHERHOOD AND THE WILL OF GOD THAT EVERYBODY  
HERE SHOULD GET TOGETHER AND GET THESE BRICKS TOGETHER.

I TREMBLE NOT FROM FEAR OF STANDING BEFORE MEN, BUT I TREMBLE  
AT THE VERY THOUGHT THAT MEN AND WOMEN WHO SIT AND DARE TO  
BREATHE THE GOD-GIVEN AIR SAY: "WE SHALL BE TOGETHER" AND STILL  
FIGHT.

NO, THERE IS NO WRITTEN SPEECH. NO REPRESENTATIVE SENT ME UP  
HERE TO SAY THIS, BECAUSE NO MAN KNOWS MY HEART. THERE IS NO  
PAPER. I REPLY TO THE REPRESENTATIVE OF CUBA NOT FROM  
LACK OF EXPERIENCE. I AM 57 YEARS OLD; I DO NOT LOOK IT  
AND I DO NOT INTEND TO LOOK IT. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME  
I HAVE HEARD YOU LAUGH. THANK GOD. I AM 57 YEARS OLD; I  
HAVE LIVED AND I HAVE EXPERIENCE; I COME FROM THE WORLD OF THE  
THEATRE, WHICH KEEPS ITS HAND ON THE PULSE OF THE HEART OF MEN  
AND ALL HUMANITY. I BELIEVE IN HUMANISM; I BELIEVE  
IN MORE THAN BROTHERHOOD. I BELIEVE IN HUMANISM, AND THAT DOES  
NOT TAKE SO MUCH EXPERIENCE. YES, I HAVE LIVED IN AMERICA  
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AND I STILL DO. I HAVE GONE TO MANY OF YOUR COUNTRIES; I  
HAVE SEEN THE RIGHTS AND I HAVE SEEN THE WRONGS. I HAVE BEEN  
RIGHTED AND I HAVE BEEN WRONGED. BUT I ASSURE YOU OF ONE  
THING: I HAVE NEVER BEEN ANY PLACE WHERE I PROBABLY WOULD

NOT HAVE STAYED AND I HAVE NEVER BEEN ANY PLACE FROM WHICH I  
WOULD NOT HAVE COME BACK TO MY COUNTRY.  
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